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SENATE BILL No. 200

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Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1; IC 20-12; noncode.

Synopsis: Core 40 curriculum. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, requires, with certain exceptions, a student to complete the Core 40 curriculum in order to graduate from high school. Beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year, requires, with certain exceptions, a student to have completed the Core 40 curriculum to be admitted to a four-year degree program in a state educational institution and to be eligible for certain higher education awards and scholarships. Makes transitional provisions maintaining the current standards until the new standards take effect.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

Lubbers, Rogers

January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

February 24, 2005, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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SENATE BILL No. 200

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-16-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 13. (a) ~~Beginning with~~
3 ~~the class of students who expect to graduate during the 1999-2000~~
4 ~~school year, Except as provided in subsection (b), each student is~~
5 required to meet:

6 (1) the academic standards tested in the graduation examination;
7 and

8 (2) any additional requirements established by the governing
9 body;
10 to be eligible to graduate.

11 (b) **Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i),**
12 **beginning with the class of students who expect to graduate during**
13 **the 2010-2011 school year, each student is required to meet:**

14 (1) the academic standards tested in the graduation
15 examination;

16 (2) the Core 40 course and credit requirements adopted by the
17 board under IC 20-10.1-5.7; and

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(3) any additional requirements established by the governing body;
to be eligible to graduate.

~~(b)~~ (c) A student who does not meet the academic standards tested in the graduation examination shall be given the opportunity to be tested during each semester of each grade following the grade in which the student is initially tested until the student achieves a passing score.

~~(c)~~ A student who does not achieve a passing score on the graduation examination may be eligible to graduate if all of the following occur:

(1) The principal of the school the student attends certifies that the student will within one (1) month of the student's scheduled graduation date successfully complete all components of the Core 40 curriculum as established by the board under IC 20-10.1-5.7-1.

(2) The student otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

(d) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the graduation examination and who does not meet the requirements of subsection ~~(e)~~ (b) may be eligible to graduate if the student does all of the following:

(1) Takes the graduation examination in each subject area in which the student did not achieve a passing score at least one (1) time every school year after the school year in which the student first takes the graduation examination.

(2) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the student by the student's school.

(3) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five percent (95%) with excused absences not counting against the student's attendance.

(4) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the courses comprising the credits specifically required for graduation by rule of the board.

(5) Obtains a written recommendation from a teacher of the student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score. The recommendation must:

(A) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school; and

(B) be supported by documentation that the student has attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:

(i) tests other than the graduation examination; or

(ii) classroom work.

~~(6)~~ (5) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation

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requirements.

(6) Either:

(A) completes:

- (i) the course and credit requirements for a minimum diploma, including the career academic sequence;**
- (ii) a workforce readiness assessment; and**
- (iii) at least one (1) career exploration internship, cooperative education, or workforce credential recommended by the student's school; or**

(B) obtains a written recommendation from a teacher of the student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score on the graduation examination. The written recommendation must be concurred in by the principal of the student's school and be supported by documentation that the student has attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:

- (i) tests other than the graduation examination; or**
- (ii) classroom work.**

(e) This subsection applies to a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1). If the student does not achieve a passing score on the graduation examination, the student's case conference committee may determine that the student is eligible to graduate if the case conference committee finds the following:

(1) The student's teacher of record, in consultation with a teacher of the student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score, makes a written recommendation to the case conference committee. The recommendation must:

- (A) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school; and
- (B) be supported by documentation that the student has attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:
 - (i) tests other than the graduation examination; or
 - (ii) classroom work.

(2) The student meets all of the following requirements:

- (A) Retakes the graduation examination in each subject area in which the student did not achieve a passing score as often as required by the student's individualized education program.
- (B) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the student by the student's school to the extent required by the student's individualized education program.
- (C) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five percent (95%) to the extent required by the student's

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individualized education program with excused absences not counting against the student's attendance.

(D) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the courses comprising the credits specifically required for graduation by rule of the board.

(E) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

(f) Upon the request of a student's parent, the student may be exempted from the Core 40 curriculum requirement set forth in subsection (b) and required to complete the minimum curriculum to be eligible to graduate.

(g) This subsection applies to a student who does not pass at least three (3) courses required under the Core 40 curriculum. Except as provided in subsection (j), the student's parent and the student's counselor (or another staff member who assists students in course selection) shall meet to discuss the student's progress. Following the meeting, the student's parent shall determine whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by:

(1) continuing in the Core 40 curriculum; or

(2) completing the minimum curriculum.

(h) This subsection applies to a student who receives a score on the graduation examination that is in the tenth percentile or lower when the student takes the graduation examination for the first time. Except as provided in subsection (j), the student's parent and the student's counselor (or another staff member who assists students in course selection) shall meet to discuss the student's progress. Following the meeting, the student's parent shall determine whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by:

(1) continuing in the Core 40 curriculum; or

(2) completing the minimum curriculum.

(i) A decision with regard to whether a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1) is subject to the requirements of subsection (b)(2) shall be made in accordance with the student's individualized education program and federal law.

(j) This subsection applies if the parent of a student to whom subsection (g) or (h) applies does not attend a meeting with the student and the student's counselor after receiving two (2) written requests to attend a meeting. If the student's parent does not attend a meeting described in subsection (g) or (h), the student and the student's counselor shall meet and:

(1) the student's counselor shall make a recommendation to

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the student as to whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by:

- (A) continuing in the Core 40 curriculum; or
- (B) completing the minimum curriculum; and
- (2) the student shall determine which curriculum the student will complete.

SECTION 2. IC 20-12-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:

Chapter 17.5. Admission Requirements for State Educational Institutions

Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies beginning with the class of students who enter a state educational institution as freshmen during the 2011-2012 academic year.

(b) As used in this chapter, "state educational institution" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.

Sec. 2. (a) This section does not apply to:

- (1) Ivy Tech State College; and
- (2) Vincennes University with respect to two-year degree programs.

(b) Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, each state educational institution must require that a student who is an Indiana resident to have completed either:

- (1) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7; or

(2) a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum; as a minimum requirement for regular admission as a freshman to the state educational institution.

(c) Each state educational institution must adopt a policy that sets forth the institution's:

- (1) requirements for regular admission; and
- (2) exceptions to the institution's requirements for regular admission.

Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to:

- (1) Ivy Tech State College; and
- (2) Vincennes University with respect to two-year degree programs.

(b) A student who enters a state educational institution to which this section applies to obtain a two-year degree is not required to have completed either:

- (1) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7; or

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(2) a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum;
to be admitted to the state educational institution.

Sec. 4. The commission for higher education created under IC 20-12-0.5-2 shall encourage accredited private institutions of higher education to adopt minimum admissions requirements that are similar to the requirements set forth in section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a student who has not completed:

(1) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7;
or

(2) a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum.

(b) A student to whom this section applies may apply for acceptance as a transfer student at a state educational institution to which section 2 of this chapter applies if the student has successfully completed at least twelve (12) credit hours of courses identified under IC 20-12-17.1.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-21-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 6. (a) An applicant is eligible for a first year higher education award under this chapter if the student meets the following requirements:

(1) The applicant is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), and (f), and beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year, the applicant:

(A) has successfully completed the program of instruction Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7 or a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum at an approved secondary school;

(B) has been granted a:

(i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;
or

(ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1; or

(C) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be completed by the end of the current academic year.

(3) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the commission, are such that, in the absence of an award under this chapter, the applicant would be deterred from completing the applicant's education at the approved institution of higher learning that the applicant has selected and that has

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accepted the applicant. In determining the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to whom section 5.6 of this chapter applies, the commission must consider the financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.

(4) The applicant will use the award initially at that institution.

(5) If the student is already enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning, the applicant must be a full-time student and be making satisfactory progress, as determined by the commission, toward a first baccalaureate degree.

(6) The student declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:

(A) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or

(B) courses designed to help the student develop the basic skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.

(b) A higher education award recipient is not eligible for assistance after the recipient has received an award for a total of eight (8) semesters or twelve (12) quarters of postsecondary school education.

(c) To maintain eligibility a student is not required to:

(1) attend an institution of higher learning; or

(2) receive an award;

in consecutive semesters or quarters. However, a recipient's eligibility for an award does not extend more than ten (10) years after the date that the initial award is granted.

(d) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(2)(A) that an applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum applies only to an applicant who seeks to use an award at a state educational institution (as defined in IC 20-12-0.5-1) or an accredited private institution of higher education in a four-year degree program.

(e) An applicant who does not meet the requirement set forth in subsection (a)(2)(A) that an applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum is eligible for an award if the applicant has successfully completed at least twelve (12) credit hours of courses identified under IC 20-12-17.1.

(f) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(2)(A) that an applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum does not apply to an applicant who will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age during the semester for which the applicant seeks an award.

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SECTION 4. IC 20-12-70-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible student" means a student who meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is a resident of Indiana.
- (2) Is enrolled in grade 8 at a public or an accredited nonpublic school.
- (3) Is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch program.
- (4) Agrees in writing, together with the student's custodial parents or guardian, that the student will:
 - (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning;
 - (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);
 - (C) not commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5;
 - (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));
 - (E) when the eligible student is a senior in high school, timely apply:
 - (i) to an institution of higher learning for admission; and
 - (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an institution of higher learning; ~~and~~
 - (F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12; **and**
 - (G) beginning with the class of students who expect to graduate during the 2010-2011 school year, complete the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7 or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum.**

SECTION 5. IC 20-12-70-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 6. (a) As used in this chapter, "scholarship applicant" means a student who meets the following requirements:

- (1) Was an eligible student under section 2 of this chapter.
- (2) Is a resident of Indiana.
- (3) **Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), and**

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beginning with the class of students who graduate during the 2010-2011 school year, has graduated after completing:

(A) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7; or

(B) a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum; from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning.

(4) Has applied to attend and has been accepted to attend an institution of higher learning as a full-time student.

(5) Certifies in writing that the student has:

(A) not illegally used controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(B) not illegally consumed alcoholic beverages;

(C) not committed any other crime or a delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal)); and

(D) timely filed an application for other types of financial assistance available to the student from the state or federal government.

(b) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(3) that a scholarship applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum applies only to a scholarship applicant who seeks to use a scholarship at an institution of higher learning in a four-year degree program.

(c) A scholarship applicant who does not meet the requirement set forth in subsection (a)(3) that a scholarship applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum is eligible for a scholarship if the scholarship applicant has successfully completed at least twelve (12) credit hours of courses identified under IC 20-12-17.1.

(d) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(3) that a scholarship applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum does not apply to a scholarship applicant who will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age during the semester for which the scholarship applicant seeks a scholarship.

SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) Notwithstanding IC 20-10.1-16-13, as amended by this act, before July 1, 2010, the following apply:

(1) To be eligible to graduate from high school, each student is required to meet:

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- 1 (A) the academic standards tested in the graduation
 2 examination (as defined in IC 20-10.1-16-1.5); and
 3 (B) any additional requirements established by the
 4 governing body (as defined in IC 20-10.1-1-5).
 5 (2) A student who does not meet the academic standards
 6 tested in the graduation examination shall be given the
 7 opportunity to be tested during each semester of each grade
 8 following the grade in which the student is initially tested until
 9 the student achieves a passing score.
 10 (3) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the
 11 graduation examination may be eligible to graduate if all the
 12 following occur:
 13 (A) The principal of the school the student attends certifies
 14 that the student will within one (1) month of the student's
 15 scheduled graduation date successfully complete all
 16 components of the Core 40 curriculum as established by
 17 the Indiana state board of education under
 18 IC 20-10.1-5.7-1.
 19 (B) The student otherwise satisfies all state and local
 20 graduation requirements.
 21 (4) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the
 22 graduation examination and who does not meet the
 23 requirements of subdivision (3) may be eligible to graduate if
 24 the student does all the following:
 25 (A) Takes the graduation examination in each subject area
 26 in which the student did not achieve a passing score at least
 27 one (1) time every school year after the school year in
 28 which the student first takes the graduation examination.
 29 (B) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the
 30 student by the student's school.
 31 (C) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least
 32 ninety-five percent (95%) with excused absences not
 33 counting against the student's attendance.
 34 (D) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in
 35 the courses comprising the credits specifically required for
 36 graduation by rule of the board.
 37 (E) Obtains a written recommendation from a teacher of
 38 the student in each subject area in which the student has
 39 not achieved a passing score. The recommendation must:
 40 (i) be concurred in by the principal of the student's
 41 school; and
 42 (ii) be supported by documentation that the student has

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attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon tests other than the graduation examination or classroom work.

(F) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

(5) This subdivision applies to a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1). If the student does not achieve a passing score on the graduation examination, the student's case conference committee may determine that the student is eligible to graduate if the case conference committee finds the following:

(A) The student's teacher of record, in consultation with a teacher of the student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score, makes a written recommendation to the case conference committee. The recommendation must:

- (i) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school; and
- (ii) be supported by documentation that the student has attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon tests other than the graduation examination or classroom work.

(B) The student meets all the following requirements:

- (i) Retakes the graduation examination in each subject area in which the student did not achieve a passing score as often as required by the student's individualized education program.
- (ii) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the student by the student's school to the extent required by the student's individualized education program.
- (iii) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five percent (95%) to the extent required by the student's individualized education program with excused absences not counting against the student's attendance.
- (iv) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the courses comprising the credits specifically required for graduation by rule of the board.
- (v) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 20-12-21-6, as amended by this act, until July 1, 2011, the following apply:

- (1) An applicant is eligible for a first year higher education

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award under IC 20-12-21 if the applicant meets the following requirements:

(A) The applicant is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the state student assistance commission.

(B) The applicant:

(i) has successfully completed the program of instruction at an approved secondary school;

(ii) has been granted a high school equivalency certificate (before July 1, 1995) or a state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1; or

(iii) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be completed by the end of the current academic year.

(C) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the state student assistance commission, are such that, in the absence of an award under IC 20-12-21, the applicant would be deterred from completing the applicant's education at an approved institution of higher learning that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant. In determining the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to whom IC 20-12-21-5.6 applies, the commission must consider the financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.

(D) The applicant will use the award initially at the institution of higher learning described in clause (C).

(E) If the student is already enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning, the applicant must be a full-time student and be making satisfactory progress, as determined by the state student assistance commission, toward a first baccalaureate degree.

(F) The student declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:

(i) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or

(ii) courses designed to help the student develop the basic skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.

(2) A higher education award recipient is not eligible for assistance after the recipient has received an award for a total

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of eight (8) semesters or twelve (12) quarters of postsecondary school education.

(3) To maintain eligibility a student is not required to:

(A) attend an institution of higher learning; or

(B) receive an award;

in consecutive semesters or quarters. However, a recipient's eligibility for an award does not extend more than ten (10) years after the date that the initial award is granted.

(c) Notwithstanding IC 20-12-70-2, as amended by this act, until July 1, 2011, for purposes of IC 20-12-70, "eligible student" means a student who meets the following requirements:

(1) Is a resident of Indiana.

(2) Is enrolled in grade 8 at a public or an accredited nonpublic school.

(3) Is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch program.

(4) Agrees in writing, together with the student's custodial parents or guardian, that the student will:

(A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning;

(B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(C) not commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5;

(D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));

(E) when the eligible student is a senior in high school, timely apply:

(i) to an institution of higher learning for admission; and

(ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an institution of higher learning; and

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 20-12-70-6, as amended by this act, until July 1, 2011, for purposes of IC 20-12-70, "scholarship applicant" means a student who meets the following requirements:

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- 1 (1) Was an eligible student under IC 20-12-70-2.
- 2 (2) Is a resident of Indiana.
- 3 (3) Has graduated from a secondary school located in Indiana
- 4 that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher
- 5 learning.
- 6 (4) Has applied to attend and has been accepted to attend a
- 7 institution of higher learning as a full-time student.
- 8 (5) Certifies in writing that the student has:
- 9 (A) not illegally used controlled substances (as defined in
- 10 IC 35-48-1-9);
- 11 (B) not illegally consumed alcoholic beverages;
- 12 (C) not committed any other crime or a delinquent act (as
- 13 described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through
- 14 IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through
- 15 IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal)); and
- 16 (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial
- 17 assistance available to the student from the state or federal
- 18 government.
- 19 (e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2011.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Rogers be added as second author of Senate Bill 200.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 200, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 11, delete "(g), (h), (i), and (j)," and insert "**(d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i),**".

Page 1, line 13, delete "2008-2009" and insert "**2010-2011**".

Page 1, line 16, after "40" insert "**course and credit**".

Page 2, line 8, delete "(d)".

Page 2, line 8, strike "A student who does not achieve a passing score on the".

Page 2, strike lines 9 through 16.

Page 2, line 17, reset in roman "(d)".

Page 2, line 17, delete "(e)".

Page 2, line 19, delete "(d)" and insert "**(b)**".

Page 2, strike lines 33 through 41.

Page 2, line 42, strike "(6)" and insert "**(5)**".

Page 2, after line 42, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(6) Either:

(A) completes:

(i) the course and credit requirements for a minimum diploma, including the career academic sequence;

(ii) a workforce readiness assessment; and

(iii) at least one (1) career exploration internship, cooperative education, or workforce credential recommended by the student's school; or

(B) obtains a written recommendation from a teacher of the student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score on the graduation examination. The written recommendation must be concurred in by the principal of the student's school and be supported by documentation that the student has attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:

(i) tests other than the graduation examination; or

(ii) classroom work."

Page 3, line 1, reset in roman "(e)".

Page 3, line 1, delete "(f)".

Page 3, line 32, delete "(g)" and insert "**(f)**".

Page 3, line 34, delete "general" and insert "**minimum**".

Page 3, line 36, delete "(h)" and insert "**(g)**".

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Page 3, line 37, delete "The" and insert **"Except as provided in subsection (j), the"**.

Page 4, line 2, delete "general" and insert **"minimum"**.

Page 4, line 3, delete "(i)" and insert **"(h)"**.

Page 4, line 6, delete "The" and insert **"Except as provided in subsection (j), the"**.

Page 4, line 12, delete "general" and insert **"minimum"**.

Page 4, line 13, delete "(j)" and insert **"(i)"**.

Page 4, after line 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(j) This subsection applies if the parent of a student to whom subsection (g) or (h) applies does not attend a meeting with the student and the student's counselor after receiving two (2) written requests to attend a meeting. If the student's parent does not attend a meeting described in subsection (g) or (h), the student and the student's counselor shall meet and:

(1) the student's counselor shall make a recommendation to the student as to whether the student will achieve greater educational benefits by:

(A) continuing in the Core 40 curriculum; or

(B) completing the minimum curriculum; and

(2) the student shall determine which curriculum the student will complete.

SECTION 2. IC 20-12-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:

Chapter 17.5. Admission Requirements for State Educational Institutions

Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies beginning with the class of students who enter a state educational institution as freshmen during the 2011-2012 academic year.

(b) As used in this chapter, "state educational institution" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.

Sec. 2. (a) This section does not apply to:

(1) Ivy Tech State College; and

(2) Vincennes University with respect to two-year degree programs.

(b) Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, each state educational institution must require that a student who is an Indiana resident to have completed either:

(1) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7; or

(2) a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum;

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as a minimum requirement for regular admission as a freshman to the state educational institution.

(c) Each state educational institution must adopt a policy that sets forth the institution's:

- (1) requirements for regular admission; and
- (2) exceptions to the institution's requirements for regular admission.

Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to:

- (1) Ivy Tech State College; and
- (2) Vincennes University with respect to two-year degree programs.

(b) A student who enters a state educational institution to which this section applies to obtain a two-year degree is not required to have completed either:

- (1) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7; or
- (2) a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum; to be admitted to the state educational institution.

Sec. 4. The commission for higher education created under IC 20-12-0.5-2 shall encourage accredited private institutions of higher education to adopt minimum admissions requirements that are similar to the requirements set forth in section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a student who has not completed:

- (1) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7; or
- (2) a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum.

(b) A student to whom this section applies may apply for acceptance as a transfer student at a state educational institution to which section 2 of this chapter applies if the student has successfully completed at least twelve (12) credit hours of courses identified under IC 20-12-17.1.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-21-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 6. (a) An applicant is eligible for a first year higher education award under this chapter if the student meets the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission.
- (2) Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), and (f), and beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year, the applicant:
 - (A) has successfully completed the program of instruction

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Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7 or a curriculum that is equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum at an approved secondary school;

(B) has been granted a:

(i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995; or

(ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1; or

(C) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be completed by the end of the current academic year.

(3) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the commission, are such that, in the absence of an award under this chapter, the applicant would be deterred from completing the applicant's education at the approved institution of higher learning that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant. In determining the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to whom section 5.6 of this chapter applies, the commission must consider the financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.

(4) The applicant will use the award initially at that institution.

(5) If the student is already enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning, the applicant must be a full-time student and be making satisfactory progress, as determined by the commission, toward a first baccalaureate degree.

(6) The student declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:

(A) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or

(B) courses designed to help the student develop the basic skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.

(b) A higher education award recipient is not eligible for assistance after the recipient has received an award for a total of eight (8) semesters or twelve (12) quarters of postsecondary school education.

(c) To maintain eligibility a student is not required to:

(1) attend an institution of higher learning; or

(2) receive an award;

in consecutive semesters or quarters. However, a recipient's eligibility for an award does not extend more than ten (10) years after the date that the initial award is granted.

(d) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(2)(A) that an

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applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum applies only to an applicant who seeks to use an award at a state educational institution (as defined in IC 20-12-0.5-1) or an accredited private institution of higher education in a four-year degree program.

(e) An applicant who does not meet the requirement set forth in subsection (a)(2)(A) that an applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum is eligible for an award if the applicant has successfully completed at least twelve (12) credit hours of courses identified under IC 20-12-17.1.

(f) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(2)(A) that an applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum does not apply to an applicant who will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age during the semester for which the applicant seeks an award.

SECTION 4. IC 20-12-70-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible student" means a student who meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is a resident of Indiana.
- (2) Is enrolled in grade 8 at a public or an accredited nonpublic school.
- (3) Is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch program.
- (4) Agrees in writing, together with the student's custodial parents or guardian, that the student will:
 - (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning;
 - (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);
 - (C) not commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5;
 - (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));
 - (E) when the eligible student is a senior in high school, timely apply:
 - (i) to an institution of higher learning for admission; and
 - (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an institution of

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higher learning; ~~and~~

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12; **and**

(G) beginning with the class of students who expect to graduate during the 2010-2011 school year, complete the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7 or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum.

SECTION 5. IC 20-12-70-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 6. **(a)** As used in this chapter, "scholarship applicant" means a student who meets the following requirements:

- (1) Was an eligible student under section 2 of this chapter.
- (2) Is a resident of Indiana.
- (3) **Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), and beginning with the class of students who graduate during the 2010-2011 school year, has graduated after completing:**
 - (A) the Core 40 curriculum established under IC 20-10.1-5.7; or**
 - (B) a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum;** from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning.
- (4) Has applied to attend and has been accepted to attend an institution of higher learning as a full-time student.
- (5) Certifies in writing that the student has:
 - (A) not illegally used controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);
 - (B) not illegally consumed alcoholic beverages;
 - (C) not committed any other crime or a delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal)); and
 - (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial assistance available to the student from the state or federal government.

(b) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(3) that a scholarship applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum applies only to a scholarship applicant who seeks to use a scholarship at an institution of higher learning in a four-year degree program.

(c) A scholarship applicant who does not meet the requirement

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set forth in subsection (a)(3) that a scholarship applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum is eligible for a scholarship if the scholarship applicant has successfully completed at least twelve (12) credit hours of courses identified under IC 20-12-17.1.

(d) The requirement set forth in subsection (a)(3) that a scholarship applicant must complete the Core 40 curriculum or a curriculum equivalent to the Core 40 curriculum does not apply to a scholarship applicant who will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age during the semester for which the scholarship applicant seeks a scholarship.

SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) Notwithstanding IC 20-10.1-16-13, as amended by this act, before July 1, 2010, the following apply:

(1) To be eligible to graduate from high school, each student is required to meet:

(A) the academic standards tested in the graduation examination (as defined in IC 20-10.1-16-1.5); and

(B) any additional requirements established by the governing body (as defined in IC 20-10.1-1-5).

(2) A student who does not meet the academic standards tested in the graduation examination shall be given the opportunity to be tested during each semester of each grade following the grade in which the student is initially tested until the student achieves a passing score.

(3) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the graduation examination may be eligible to graduate if all the following occur:

(A) The principal of the school the student attends certifies that the student will within one (1) month of the student's scheduled graduation date successfully complete all components of the Core 40 curriculum as established by the Indiana state board of education under IC 20-10.1-5.7-1.

(B) The student otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

(4) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the graduation examination and who does not meet the requirements of subdivision (3) may be eligible to graduate if the student does all the following:

(A) Takes the graduation examination in each subject area in which the student did not achieve a passing score at least

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one (1) time every school year after the school year in which the student first takes the graduation examination.

(B) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the student by the student's school.

(C) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five percent (95%) with excused absences not counting against the student's attendance.

(D) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the courses comprising the credits specifically required for graduation by rule of the board.

(E) Obtains a written recommendation from a teacher of the student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score. The recommendation must:

- (i) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school; and
- (ii) be supported by documentation that the student has attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon tests other than the graduation examination or classroom work.

(F) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

(5) This subdivision applies to a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1). If the student does not achieve a passing score on the graduation examination, the student's case conference committee may determine that the student is eligible to graduate if the case conference committee finds the following:

(A) The student's teacher of record, in consultation with a teacher of the student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved a passing score, makes a written recommendation to the case conference committee. The recommendation must:

- (i) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school; and
- (ii) be supported by documentation that the student has attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon tests other than the graduation examination or classroom work.

(B) The student meets all the following requirements:

- (i) Retakes the graduation examination in each subject area in which the student did not achieve a passing score as often as required by the student's individualized

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education program.

(ii) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the student by the student's school to the extent required by the student's individualized education program.

(iii) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five percent (95%) to the extent required by the student's individualized education program with excused absences not counting against the student's attendance.

(iv) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the courses comprising the credits specifically required for graduation by rule of the board.

(v) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 20-12-21-6, as amended by this act, until July 1, 2011, the following apply:

(1) An applicant is eligible for a first year higher education award under IC 20-12-21 if the applicant meets the following requirements:

(A) The applicant is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the state student assistance commission.

(B) The applicant:

(i) has successfully completed the program of instruction at an approved secondary school;

(ii) has been granted a high school equivalency certificate (before July 1, 1995) or a state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1; or

(iii) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be completed by the end of the current academic year.

(C) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the state student assistance commission, are such that, in the absence of an award under IC 20-12-21, the applicant would be deterred from completing the applicant's education at an approved institution of higher learning that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant. In determining the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to whom IC 20-12-21-5.6 applies, the commission must consider the financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.

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(D) The applicant will use the award initially at the institution of higher learning described in clause (C).

(E) If the student is already enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning, the applicant must be a full-time student and be making satisfactory progress, as determined by the state student assistance commission, toward a first baccalaureate degree.

(F) The student declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:

- (i) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or
- (ii) courses designed to help the student develop the basic skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.

(2) A higher education award recipient is not eligible for assistance after the recipient has received an award for a total of eight (8) semesters or twelve (12) quarters of postsecondary school education.

(3) To maintain eligibility a student is not required to:

- (A) attend an institution of higher learning; or
- (B) receive an award;

in consecutive semesters or quarters. However, a recipient's eligibility for an award does not extend more than ten (10) years after the date that the initial award is granted.

(c) Notwithstanding IC 20-12-70-2, as amended by this act, until July 1, 2011, for purposes of IC 20-12-70, "eligible student" means a student who meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is a resident of Indiana.
- (2) Is enrolled in grade 8 at a public or an accredited nonpublic school.
- (3) Is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch program.
- (4) Agrees in writing, together with the student's custodial parents or guardian, that the student will:
 - (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning;
 - (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);
 - (C) not commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5;
 - (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as

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described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));

(E) when the eligible student is a senior in high school, timely apply:

- (i) to an institution of higher learning for admission; and
- (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an institution of higher learning; and

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 20-12-70-6, as amended by this act, until July 1, 2011, for purposes of IC 20-12-70, "scholarship applicant" means a student who meets the following requirements:

- (1) Was an eligible student under IC 20-12-70-2.
- (2) Is a resident of Indiana.
- (3) Has graduated from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning.
- (4) Has applied to attend and has been accepted to attend an institution of higher learning as a full-time student.
- (5) Certifies in writing that the student has:
 - (A) not illegally used controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);
 - (B) not illegally consumed alcoholic beverages;
 - (C) not committed any other crime or a delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal)); and
 - (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial assistance available to the student from the state or federal government.

(e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2011."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 200 as introduced.)

LUBBERS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 4.

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